

U. S. and Canada

CATTLE INVENTORY

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JANUARY CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

SIOUX FALLS, February 18, 2000 -- All cattle and calves in the U. S. and Canada combined totaled 110.7 million head on January 1, 2000, 1 percent below a year earlier, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 48.0 million head, were slightly below the 48.2 million head on January 1, 1999.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2000, totaled 98.0 million head, 1 percent below the 99.1 million head on January 1, 1999 and 2 percent below the 99.7 million head two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.7 million head, were slightly below the 42.9 million head on January 1, 1999 and 1 percent below the 43.1 million head two years ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2000, totaled 12.7 million head, 2 percent below the 12.9 million head on January 1, 1999 and 4 percent below the 13.2 million head two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 5.3 million head, were 1 percent below the 5.4 million head on January 1, 1999 and 3 percent below the 5.5 million head two years ago.

This publication is a result of a joint effort by Statistics Canada and USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service to release the number of cattle and calves by class and calf crop for both countries within one publication. This information was requested by the U. S. cattle industry to provide producers additional information about potential beef supplies. U. S. inventory numbers were previously released on January 28, 2000.

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